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T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, September 20, 1887. 263

### NOTICE.

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- 2.—Sums less than \$1. or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.
- 3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.
- 4.—Interest at the rate of 3 1/2 per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.
- 5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which he is to present with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.
- 6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank if marked *On Hongkong Savings' Bank Business* is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.
- 7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation,  
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, September 1, 1887. 764

## Intimations.

### DENTISTRY.

FIRST CLASS WORKMANSHIP.  
MODERATE FEES.

MR. WONG TAI-FONG,  
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(Formerly Surgeon's Assistant and Lecturer, ASSISTANT to Dr. ROGERS.)

At the urgent request of his European and Asiatic patients and friends, has TAKEN THE OFFICE formerly occupied by Dr. ROGERS.

No. 2, DUNDRELL STREET.

CONSULTATION FREE.

Discount to missionaries and families.  
Sole Address:  
2, DUNDRELL STREET.  
(Next to the New Oriental Bank.)  
Hongkong, January 12, 1888. 68

### NOTICE.

G. E. O. SMITH  
WINE MERCHANT,  
SHANGHAI.

Agents:  
NORTON & Co.,  
MARINE HOUSE, QUEEN'S ROAD.  
Hongkong, October 1, 1887. 1913

## Intimations.

### P. & O. S. N. COMPANY.

### NOTICE TO PASSENGERS.

PASSENGERS can at the present time of the year engage Berths through to Europe, via Bombay, without change of steamer or increase of fare.

E. L. WOODIN,  
Superintendent.  
3rd December, 1887. 2353

### THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that all VESSELS DISCHARGING BOMBAY COTTON AND COTTON YARN at the Kowloon WHARVES will have FREE STORAGE for 14 days from arrival, after which a Rent of 3 CENTS per bale per month will be charged.

ISAAO HUGHES,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, November 7, 1887. 2184

### WANTED.

A COMPETENT SUGAR-BOILER.  
Address with Reference.

SUGAR REFINERY,  
Foodora. 2239

24th November, 1887.

CHAS. J. GAUPP & Co.,  
Chronometer, Watch & Clock Makers,  
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DIAMONDS

DIAMOND JEWELLERY.  
A Splendid Collection of the latest LONDON PATENTERS, at very moderate prices. 742

### NOTIFICATION.

It is hereby notified that the Undersigned has requested H.B.M.'s Consul at Hongkong to DISPOSE of the WRECK of the S.S. *ELLERRE*, as also now lies sunk in that Harbour—together with 3 SHIP'S BOATS belonging to her, and lying ashore there—at a Date to be fixed by the Consul, but not earlier than the 20th December, 1887.

The purchase of the wreck to be subject to the terms and conditions specified by the Consul.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, December 1, 1887. 2344

### HONGKONG BRICK AND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

OFFICE, No. 5, QUEEN'S ROAD.

### FIRE BRICKS OF SUPERIOR QUALITY FOR SALE.

PRICE, \$30 PER 1,000.

The following Testimonial has been received from F. W. CROSS, Esq., Manager, HONGKONG AND CHINA GAS COMPANY, LIMITED:—

"I have herewith much pleasure in testifying to the quality of the FIRE BRICKS as made by you at your new works."

"In appearance the Brick is light and soft as compared with the ordinary Fire Brick used in the Colony, but this I may say is characteristic of the best English Fire Brick."

"After a very severe test I have no hesitation in saying that this Brick is admirably suited to resist any degree of heat that it may be likely to undergo and for all purposes that Fire Bricks are used."

"I am now about to build them into one of my Furnaces and have no doubt of their being able to stand as well as the English Fire Bricks I have been using."

Hongkong, May 23, 1887. 981

### NOTICE.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHIPMASTERS and ENGINEERS are respectfully informed that, if upon their arrival in this Harbour, NONE of the Company's FOREMEN should be at hand, Orders for REPAIRS if sent to the Head Office, No. 14, Praya Central, will receive prompt attention.

In the Event of Complaints being found necessary, Communication with the Undersigned is requested, when immediate steps will be taken to rectify the cause of dissatisfaction.

D. GILLIES,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, August 25, 1885. 1488

### ROBES ET CONFECTIONS

FRENCH DRESS-MAKER.

MRS. G. HEYMANS,

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THE ONLY FRENCH DRESS-MAKER IN HONGKONG.

DIPLOMA IN PARIS IN 1884.

Hongkong, October 1, 1887. 1925

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### Christmas Groceries.

FRESH

PUDDING FRUITS.

Mincedmeat Condiments.

CANDIED PEELS.

SPICES, &c., &c.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, November 25, 1887. 2323

### STAG HOTEL,

QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

J. COOK, Proprietor.

THE HOTEL IS CENTRALLY SITUATED AND WITHIN A FEW MINUTES' WALK FROM THE PRINCIPAL LANDING PLACES.

GOOD ACCOMMODATION FOR VISITORS.

CHANGING MODERN DINNERS at 7.30.

WELL VENTILATED BILLIARD ROOM.

TIFFIN 50 CENTS. DINNER 75 CENTS.

Wines, Spirits and Malt Liquors of the very best quality only.

Hongkong, April 1, 1887. 007

### Victoria Hotel,

Praya and Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

THIS Extensive and well-appointed Establishment, situated in one of the most central and airy positions in the Colony and commanding a splendid view of almost the entire harbour and within five minutes' walk of the principal Government Offices (including the Post Office), Banks, &c., has recently been much enlarged and improved and is now one of the principal Hotels in the place.

The ROOMS are spacious, well ventilated and have just been refurnished in a most comfortable and handsome manner, suited to the requirements of the Far East.

The Accommodation and Service of every kind will be found to be of the best description. An ample and varied TABLE D'HOTE is always provided, and served in the spacious, large DINING HALL.

The HOTEL also contains handsome and comfortable Reception, Reading, Billiard and Smoking Rooms.

The HOTEL is unsurpassed for comfort, convenience and quick service.

Continental languages are spoken.

Messrs. DORABJEE & HING KEE, Proprietors.

Hongkong, September 16, 1885. 1612

### W. POWELL & Co.

EX GLENFRAGLES.

FURTHER DELIVERIES OF NEW GOODS:

CASHMERE in all the New Shades.

FANCY VELVETS to Match.

8, 15, 20-Button Length SUED GLOVES.

New FLOWERS, FEATHERS and WINGS.

DRESS FLOWER SETS for Evening Wear.

RIBBONS and LACES in great variety.

Beaded DRESS SETS and ORNAMENTS.

Made-up COSTUMES.

All Colours in BRUSSELS and Victoria NETS.

TOYS of EVERY DESCRIPTION.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE, November 17, 1887.

(TELEPHONE 21). 2241

### ROBERT LANG & Co.,

Tailors, Hatters, Shirtmakers & General Outfitters,

QUEEN'S ROAD (OPPOSITE HONGKONG HOTEL).

### NEW HATS

BLACK, DRAB, AND BROWN, HARD AND SOFT FELT HATS,

in a variety of New Shapes.

DRAB AND GREY SINGLE and DOUBLE TERA HATS.

STRAW HATS.

MILITARY and FELT HELMETS, and TWEED HATS and CAPS in Stock and made to order.

Hongkong, October 3, 1887. 1964

## Intimations.

### PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF HONGKONG.

No. 1105.

A Regular MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, on WEDNESDAY NEXT, the 7th Instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. Visiting BROTHERS are cordially invited.

Hongkong, December 1, 1887. 2336

### NOTICE.

THE Undersigned are SOLE AGENTS for Hongkong and Manila for the Sale of THE MONTERRAT LIME JUICE, and THE MONTERRAT LIME JUICE CORDIALS.

A. S. WATSON & Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, May 3, 1887. 964

J. D. KILEY, SAIL-MAKER.

TENTS, AWNINGS AND FLAGS.

No. 23, Praya Central, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, November 1, 1887. 2136

SAILOR'S HOME.

ANY Cast-off CLOTHING, BOOKS, or PAPERS will be thankfully received at the Sailor's Home, West Point.

Hongkong, July 25, 1887.

## For Sale.

### FOR SALE.

JULES MUMM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE.

Quarts:.....\$20 per Case of 1 doz.

Pints:.....\$11 " " " 2 doz.

Dubon Freres & de Gernon & Co.'s BORDEAUX CLARETS and WHITE WINES.

Baxter's Celebrated 'Barley Brew' WHISKY, — 75¢ per Case of 1 doz.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Hongkong, July 18, 1884. 1187

### NOW READY.

PRICE, \$1.00.

COMPARATIVE CHINESE FAMILY LAW BY E. H. PARKER.

Can be obtained from KELLY & WAUGH at Shanghai and Hongkong, at LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong, and at the China Mail Office.

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BUDDHISM: ITS HISTORICAL, THEORETICAL AND POPULAR ASPECTS, BY ERNEST J. EITEL, Ph.D., TUBING.

THIRD EDITION, REVISED, WITH ADDITIONS.

Price,.....\$1.50.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, August 20, 1884. 193

## Auctions.

### PUBLIC AUCTION OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, PIANO, &c.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

### SATURDAY,

the 10th December, 1887, at 2 p.m., at No. 1, West Terrace, the Residence of the late L. HAUSCHILD, Esq.,—

THE WHOLE OF THE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising:—

ORIENTAL-COVERED DRAWING-ROOM SUITE, CANTON BLACKWOOD, MARBLE and PORCELAIN TABLES, JARVIERES, FINE EXHIBITIONS, GAZ MIRRORS, &c., &c. COTTAGE PIANO, by JOHN BROADWOOD & SONS.

LACE CURTAINS, CARPETS, RUGS, DINING-ROOM SUITE, CROCKERY, GLASS and PLATED WARE, CUTLERY, and FENDERS and IRONS, &c., &c.

Bedroom Suite, comprising IRON BEDSTRASS, Lady's WARDROBES, DAYENPORT, &c., &c., &c.

Flowers in Pots, &c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued previous to the Sale, and the above will be on view on Friday next.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

G. R. LAMMERT, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, December 3, 1887. 2356

## To Let.

TO LET.

ROOMS in 'COLLIER' CHAMBERS.

GODOWN in Ice House Lane, from the 1st January, at present in the occupation of Messrs. BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.

Hongkong, December 3, 1887. 504

## TO BE LET.

With Immediate Possession.

SUITE of ROOMS fronting the Praya and Puddle Street upon the Ground Floor of Building recently occupied by Messrs. MESSING & Co.

These Premises are well adapted for OFFICES or STORES.

ROOMS on the First and Second Floors of Marine House.

BISNIE VILLA, PORTFOLIO.

A GODOWN, at BOWRINGTON.

Apply to SHARP & Co., Estate Agents, Marine House.

Hongkong, October 17, 1887. 2025

## TO BE LET.

(With Immediate Possession.)

TWO DESIRABLE RESIDENCES situated in Cause Road, West end Terrace opposite to Rose Villas.

Apply to No. 14, CAUSE ROAD.

Hongkong, October 31, 1887. 2130

## TO LET.

A FURNISHED HOUSE at the PEAK for Four Months.

ALFRED G. WISE.

Hongkong, November 30, 1887. 2331

## TO LET.

FROM 1st Proximo, HOUSE No. 1, 'BELL'S COURT,' Bonham Road.

Apply to BELLIOS & Co.

Hongkong, December 1, 1887. 2340

## TO BE LET.

WITH Possession on the 1st January, 1888. A HOUSE in RICHMOND TERRACE.

Apply to Mr. WILLMOTT, Hongkong Dispensary.

Hongkong, November 3, 1887. 2159

## Shipping.

### Steamers.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & POOCHOW.

The Co.'s Steamship *Haitan*, Captain ASHROD, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 4th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, December 3, 1887. 2334

### NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA (PLORIO & RUSTICATO UNITED COMPANIES.)

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG & BOMBAY.

Having connection with Company's Mail Steamers to ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, MESSINA, NAPLES (LEONARD) and GENOA, also to MARSEILLES, all MEDITERRANEAN, ADRIATIC, LEVANTINE and SOUTH AMERICAN Ports, up to CALAO. Taking Cargo at through rates to MADRAS, PERSIAN GULF and BAGDAD.

The Co.'s Steamship *Stura*, Capt. D. MARINI, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 6th December, at Noon.



**Shipping.**  
Daylight — Hatter leaves for Coast Po

Noon.—*Surat* leaves for Singapore, Penang and Bombay.

Noon.—*Japan* leaves for Singapore, Penang and Calcutta.

4 p.m.—Dumaliat leaves for Manila  
 4 p.m.—English Mail leaves for Port of Call and Europe.  
 4 p.m.—Pompos leaves for Singapore, Sourabaya and Samarang.  
 Pembroke's leaves for London  
 Hamburg.

**Miscellaneous.**

Claims against the Cambodia must be sent to Messrs Russell & Co., on or before this date.  
 Claims against the Japan must be made on or before this date.

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**SUN AND LIDE TABLE FOR HONGKONG**  
*(From The Hongkong Almanack.)*  
 DECEMBER.

	HIGH WATER.		LOW.	
Day of Month.	Morn. H. M.	Aft. H. M.	Rises. H. M.	Set. H. M.
0		2.52	9.29	5.1
7	0.30	3.31	9.28	5.1
8	2.2	4.21	9.29	5.1
9	3.46	5.9	9.30	5.1
10	5.17	6.46	9.31	5.1
11	6.24	6.18	9.31	5.1

22-High water at Whampoa, 2 hrs. mins. later than at Hongkong.  
 Barrier: 3 hrs. 16 mins. at the Flats: 3 hrs. 30 mins. at Sham Shui Po: 4 hrs. 45 mins.

Moon—First Quarter, 22d. 6h. 26m. a

**A. S. WATSON & CO.**  
**LIMITED.**  
—  
ARE NOW SHOWING  
NEW SEASON'S  
**CHRISTMAS & NEW  
YEAR CARDS,**  
Including some  
CHROMOS OF SWISS AND  
SCENERY,  
suited for Framing.  
  
**Christmas Confectionery**  
will be OPENED out in  
A FEW DAYS.  
  
**A. S. WATSON & Co., Ltd.**  
**THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY**  
Hongkong, November 14, 1887.  
  
The publication of this issue commences  
at 7.45 p.m.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1901.

**TELEGRAMS.**

[SUPPLIED TO THIS CHINA MAIL  
(Via Southern Line.)]

**THE FRENCH CRISIS.**

London, 2nd Dec.

In the French Chamber a great row was caused by the announcement Grévy had decided not to resign, and solution was carried to await further information as to the President's intentions. Ultimately it was intimated to the press that he had decided to accept resignation.

In the streets of Paris there was excitement during the sitting of the Chamber, but no rioting took place.

(From Singapore Papers.)

Paris, 25th Nov.—M. Ribot is the transition Cabinet.

[A later telegram to the Courrier des Indes states that the Rouvier Ministry is still in office.]

remained in power provisionally.]

**GERMANY AND RUSSIA**  
Berlin, 26th Nov.—Relations  
Germany and Russia have cer-  
tified.

Prince Bismarck was able to pro-  
cess satisfaction that the inter-  
mial by forged documents of  
origin aiming at the estrangement  
many and Russia. He also de-  
clared that the party most likely to pro-  
European war would be the French  
chists.

He also accused a section of the  
Court of intriguing against himself.

(From the *Hungarian Gazette*.)

**DANGEROUS CONDITION OF  
CROWN PRINCE**  
Bonn, Nov. 15.—His Royal  
the Duke of Connaught has recov-  
ered from Her Majesty the Queen  
praising him that there is now little  
His Royal Highness the Crown  
Germany recovering from ill-  
ness.

(From the "Tenny's Gazette")

**THE EMPEROR OF RUSSIA**  
**PRINCE BISMAROK.**  
London, 21st November.—The  
Emperor of Russia was particularly gross  
to Prince Bismarok at the interview.

**THE HINDU IDEAL OF BEAUTY.**  
The Hindu says that, according  
to poetry, the following are the ideal  
of beauty:—  
[The face should be like  
the full moon; her complexion  
hair black, lustrant and curly  
head capacious; her eyes large,  
glancing like those of the gazelle  
brow arched like bow; her nose  
small and straight; her lips  
red and peach-like; her bosom  
small; her waist slender; her  
limbs; her hands long and slender  
skin smooth; and her speech  
agreeable. She should rather  
beauty. Her movements should  
be like a deer.]



DATE

intended (a missionary of the Hedin Mission in Canton) died, very kindly gave her help from September until November, when a new student, Miss Probst, sent out from home, arrived here to relieve her.

I conclude this page by reminding all our friends of the Christmas celebration, held in the Chapel, adjoining this house on 24th December at 7.30 p.m., when a short liturgical service will be held and followed up by the presentation of gifts to our

**NOTES FROM CHINESE PAPERS.**

A literary event of national importance has taken place in Japan. One of the Legation officers, now with the new Minister to Germany, recently discovered in the Ashikaga College (Taishu High) a copy of Hwang K'an's Confucian Analects, over 1,200 years old, with all the ancient com-

mentators' notes. This work has disappeared in China ever since the Southern Sung dynasty, i.e. for some 700 or 800 years past. The history of the present copy is known; the Chinese Government has directed the Minister in Japan to borrow it, in order that a carefully corrected copy may be taken. "It may be added, that, should there be any *Kana* inscriptions upon this copy, valuable light will also be thrown upon the Japanese alphabet question."

The Nanking correspondent of the *Hu Pao* describes a partially successful effort of the Nanking priest to elicit by spiritualistic means the name of the murderer, who had been remitted to him after his previous admission, a frank confession of guilt and the priest's utterance of a midnight edict.

had the ghosts of the murdered men pronounced in court. A strange blast of noxious air filled the room, and dimmed the myotic candles; one of the murderers, with body all awry and eyes all aquist, then suddenly confessed his crime. Being asked why he

The *Shi Pao* gives a different account of

the ex-black flag audience. The undimmed hero of a thousand fights is said to have quailed before majesty, entirely lost his presence of mind and failed to answer intelligibly, although the Empress had directed him to be rehoused previous to admission in audience out of consideration

The Governor of Chékiang proposes in a memorial to tax local-grown opium transported for sale at the rate of 24 dollar cents

a catty, 14.4 cents of this being paid at the first, and 9.6 cents at the second, *tekin* barrier. This tax is calculated at the rate of ten per cent. on the lowest average value of the drug. Export and import duty on all kinds of Chinese opium (except Wenchow and Taichow opium taken in junk to Jhappu, which, like opium not exported, will be under the *tekin* office only) will pay

shall the duty on foreign opium, i. e. 15. 15 a picul.—The Memorial is so obscurely worded that it is impossible to say exactly what will be the real charge levied on opium not exported through the Foreign Customs.

**PEKING NEWS.**  
(From the correspondent of *N. C. Daily News*.)  
The Portuguese negotiations have not made progress, but H. E. Li Hung-chang has thrown his influence on the side of Portugal, and therefore the Minister of

that Power has only to be patient and play a waiting game. He should obtain all he asks for his demands are very moderate and besides, the Peninsula of Mexico would be safer in Portuguese hands than in those of the Chinese—side who took place during the Tonkin imbroglio. The plans of the Embassy for the winter are uncertain. The Telegraphic Convention makes no progress, as far as I can learn.

I wrote with much satisfaction that some young gentlemen connected with Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. are expected here to study Chinese. There is an excellent be-

giving of what I hope will become a general practice with the large English houses and shows a determination to meet the demands of the new circumstances of trade.

Two German students, Messrs. Asmann and Löwen, have come, and a student of the Chinese from the Straits has arrived at the British Legation. A German photographer, an excellent artist, who proposes, I understand, to settle at your port, has been here taking views. I may mention as a novelty that a gentleman has entered a Chinese steamer in order to study Chinese during the winter, and has just returned, took the sons of the family English.

The Marquis Tseng, at the expiry of his leave while slightly indisposed, has resumed his official duties.

Globetrotters are still with us and the Hotels are full.

Station.	Barometer at sea level and 30 in. of mercury	Temperature	Humidity	Wind. Direction Force.	Weather	Rain falling previous 24 hrs.
W'ootock.	29.87	23	—	x	2	—
Seagask.	30.05	—	—	2	1	—
Shanghai.	30.54	55	56	W	3	0.02
Amoy.	30.14	70	61	W	4	—
Hongkong	30.18	68	50	W	1	—
Haiphong	30.15	75	71	W	1	—
Solone.	29.90	81	75	W	2	—
Manila.	29.88	84	85	SE	1	0.55

December 5, 1910					
Wifootok	80.29	78.2	Ar 10	a	b
Nagasaki	80.29	78.2	Ar 10	a	b
Shanghai	80.31	62	34	W	5
Anmy	80.29	62	37	W	5
Hongkong	80.23	64	45	W	4
Happono	80.29	64	90	S	1
Batavia	80.28	80		M	2
Manila	80.29	85	76	A	1

The barometer has risen in the North and gradients are rather steep for N.E. winds. The weather is fine, cold and rather dry.

W. DONALD,  
Government Astronomer,  
Hampshire Observatory, December 5.

1. Barometer, reduced to 62 degrees Fahrenheit at the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.
2. Thermometer in the shade in degrees Fahrenheit.
3. Hygrometer in percentage of saturation; the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.
4. Direction of wind in two columns.
5. Force of Wind according to Beaufort scale.

*Notes on Weather:* Fine sky, S. breeze fresh, falling calm, fog & showers, hail, lightning & thunder, S. breeze & showers, squally & rain, S. gale, thunder & squalls, S. breeze & showers.



